



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 1976 of at least 80 acres of the original Iowa farmland.
2. Present owner must be related to original owner.
3. Application must be notarized and submitted by July 4, 1975.

One Century Farm marker per farm will be furnished by Iowa Farm Bureau. Additional markers may be purchased upon request.

One Century Farm Certificate will be awarded per farm by Iowa Department of Agriculture. Additional certificates may be requested.

Name of Present Farm Owner Martha M. Laubach

Address Birmingham, Iowa 52535  
R.R. P.O. State Zip

Address of Farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_  
R.R. P.O. State Zip

Township Union County Van Buren Iowa

Number of acres in the farm at present 99.7 A.

Date of original purchase by member of your family \_\_\_\_\_

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) The West Half of the SW Quarter and the North Fifteen eighteeths of the East Half of the SW Quarter all in Section 18, Township 70 & Range 9 East in Union Twp. V.B. Co. Iowa

The original 84.58A. was <sup>issued to</sup> ~~patented~~ Richard Barrett Nov. 21, 1838 - patented Dec. 1, 1841. From there it went thru several owners - next was John & James Barnes. In Jan. of 1846 they sold to Alice & Ed Colton who sold to Basil Prather, who sold to Ralt. McClellan who sold back to James Barnes & wife Julia who sold to my grandfather, Hugh Nelson on July 9, 1866 according to records in V. Buren Co. Courthouse. Hugh Nelson was my grandfather. He died in 1901 leaving it to his wife Hannah M. Nelson. She died in 1915 leaving it to her three sons, Ross, Will & Clyde. My father Clyde H. Nelson bought out the two others interest. He owned it until his death in 1965, leaving it to me, Martha M. Laubach & I live on it.

# APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM MARKER AND CERTIFICATE

Information you may be able to add to this form, while not essential to Century Farm Certification, will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are offered only as a guide, so please feel free to add any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and area around it.

Original price \$105.81 1/4 original  
 From whom was the farm purchased? US govt to Richard Barrett -

How many acres were in the original parcel? 84.65 A. 84.65

What was the cost of land per acre? original price was \$105.81 1/4, Nov. 21,

Where was the first owner born? don't know Patent issued Dec. 1, 1841  
 1838

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? no

Did the first owner farm the land? no

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? the  
barn is still standing and in use.

When was the present home built? 1876

What are the farm's crops or products? corn, beans, hay, silage, beef

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Van Buren Co. Register

I (we), \_\_\_\_\_  
 being duly sworn, depose and say that the statements on this application are true and correct with regard to the land described above.

Martha M. Leubach  
 (Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 19 75.

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_  
9-30-76

Leon McKinnis  
 Notary Public in and for the \_\_\_\_\_

County of Jefferson State of Iowa

Send to: Iowa Department of Agriculture  
 State House, Des Moines, Iowa 50319  
 Submit by July 4, 1975

